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Editorial.

Receipts—Henceforth, subscribers will find their receipt full in their paper. Please preserve for it reference.

Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention.

I have in my possession a lot of the above minutes. It costs four cents to mail them. Any one wishing a copy and sending the requisite stamps, will receive a copy. I cannot mail them at my expense.

J. B. GAMBRELL.

ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

We have employed a competent foreman to take charge of the PASTOR RECORD Job Office, and he will print Associational Minutes neatly and cheaply. Clerks will please write for our terms before letting out their work. These favoring us will be materially helping their paper.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

William Jewell College, Mo., has forty-six students for the ministry.

Let the friends of the Seminary send help promptly to put up those buildings.

Faith binds the promises of God about her loins as a girdle of strength.—Surgener.

One way to interest people in religion and keep them interested is to get them to read a good religious paper.

The preaching of the truth is a noble work; to live the truth is a nobler still, for it is preaching constantly in action.

Dr. Geo. Carpenter is preaching as he goes. He will be in Clinton, December 1st., to remain three weeks, but not longer.

The divinest attribute in the heart of God is love, and the mightiest because the most human principle in the heart of man is faith. Love is heaven, faith is that which appropriates heaven.—F. W. Robertson.

Again we must remind our brethren that with many the due time to renew has come. We need the money very much, to meet material liabilities. Brethren, do not fail us.

It is said that the Baptist church at Ocala, Fla., has expelled all its members who signed a petition for whiskey license. The Standard makes this short and sweet comment on said church action:—"Correct."

"The most novel bestowment of wealth for the public good, lately, is that of John B. Tolman, of Lynn, Mass., who has given \$300,000 for the enforcement of the liquor laws; and trustees of the fund are now pushing liquor prosecutions."

Central Female Institute is unusually full. A fine corps of experienced teachers are at work. We note with special pleasure the beautiful work done in the art department, an exhibit of which will be made at the New Orleans Exposition.

The Executive Board of the Harmony Association meets Friday before the 5th Sunday in this month. Many brother wishes to go out from the railroad and will write to Brother J. P. Hickman, Clinton, Miss., in time, conveyance will be furnished.

Lord Shaftsbury is credited with having said: "If London did not have its four hundred city missionaries, it would require forty thousand more police, and yet there are men ignorant and brazen-faced enough to complain of the expense of sustaining missionaries."

A man who can write and does not, voluntarily deprives himself of a three-fold good—good to himself, good to the paper, and good to the world.—Western Recorder.

We know several brethren in Mississippi, who are guilty of wrong in this matter.

An ugly piece of information came in this shape: "Several more Mormon elders have been sent from Salt Lake City to Tennessee. They intend to labor principally in East Tennessee and North Georgia. There are said to be one hundred of them in the S. Uth."

The late meeting of the General Association of Missouri seems to have been unusually profitable. The Baptist Flag gives a cheerful report of it. Forty-nine missionaries had been employed during the year, and by a special effort at the meeting, funds sufficient were raised to pay them.

Rev. P. A. Peterson, a Methodist pastor in Lynchburg, Va., furnishes us the following: "My church raised two thousand dollars for missions very soon after the \$25,000 was raised for Randolph Macon College." The doing of so grand a thing for the college only paved the way for doing greater things for missions.—Religious Herald.

Japan punishes drunkenness with death. The law reads: "A man intent on suicide and simply anticipating him. One of the Japanese proverb says: 'A man takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man.' Yes; and last of all, the devil takes the man and the drink."

"People never go right," says Herbert Spencer, "until they have tried all possible ways of going wrong." A very clear proof, we take it, that the prevalence of righteousness on the earth can come from no evolution of human nature, but only from the evolution of divine grace in it.—Christian Index.

Pope Leo XIII recently sent to the queen of Spain "a morsel of the true cross." The cross must be like the meal and oil of the widow at Sarepta—growing miraculously.—Christian Index.

There was a priest up in Mississippi not long ago, professing to have a piece of the cross. Such bunglers!

Dr. Duke, Lake Como, says: "I am pleased with our Louisiana edition. Brother Penick is doing excellent work. He is with us to help cultivate this great Mississippi Valley. It requires some men half a lifetime when they move to get ready to help where they live, and where alone they can help. But Brother Penick came to work and he went right at it."

Henry Ward Beecher, in his plea for high license vs. prohibition says: "If there was to be but one such place in so many blocks, the man to whom license was granted would see to it that his house was respectable, that it was not full of all temptations, and would seek respectable customers. Such a course of procedure would raise the character of drinking saloons."

We submit that giving respectability to drinking saloons is a move in the wrong direction.

The Arkansas Evangelist is just now discussing pro and con, the agency plan. Really it is a simple question. When pastors will take a collection there is no need of an agent, but where they will not, there an agent should go. We recently heard a brother object to agents, and when asked how long since his church had taken a collection for missions could not tell, it was time out of mind. Perhaps that was what he liked, however; but it was not what the Bible requires.

Pastor Weaver, of Milan, Tenn., has resolved to hold a protracted meeting with his church without calling in any evangelist. He thinks the work of professional revivalists is to fill the churches with unconverted material. We endorse the opinion.—Baptist Gleaser.

Is that not too sweeping? A man may be called to evangelistic work, and if so, that is his work. God has given some evangelists. Let us not depreciate them, but watch and pray.

A good sister in Danville, Virginia, gave to the building of the Danville Baptist church until her last dollar was gone, and when it seemed impossible to carry forward this great work she came forward and said, "my money is all gone, but here is my horse and buggy. I give them to the church." That church, costing \$10,000, is now completed and dedicated, and the happy people have gone to work to build in another part of the city.—Rel. Herald.

We congratulate Pastor G. and win on this achievement.

We clip from the Baltimore Baptist the following description of Elder John Jasper, the world-famed negro pastor, of Richmond, Va.:—"He has the ugliest body, the roughest face, the most defiant spirit, the queerest gestures, the most contagious humor, the most flaming fancy, the most execrable grammar, the most volcanic passion, the most marvelous versatility of speech, the most superabundant and overflowing perspiration, the strongest faith and the simplest love of the Bible of any man on all the earth."

He is a great power with his people, though he is not good authority on Astronomy. He is immeasurably superior to a learned infidel.

The Arkansas Evangelist says of the late Convention: "The large body of earnest and faithful brethren, ably presided over by the conscientious and devoted Elder, who truly Christian spirit seemed to be imparted to all the members of the Convention." The Board of the Convention has had a meeting, and the same spirit that pervaded the Convention was manifested in the meeting of the Board. Rev. M. D. Early was unanimously elected as Corresponding Secretary of the Board and entered at once upon his work. Baptists of Arkansas were never so hopeful and enthusiastic as at present, and their prospects for enlarged and permanent success were more encouraging than ever before. They only have to keep humble, trust in God, and do their duty, and nothing shall be impossible to them.

GRADUALLY, but surely, Mississippi Baptists are winning the position educationally. Blue Mountain is commanding a wide range of influence, not only through the girls but the boys as well. Brethren Durham and Lee are doing a work for the boys, which is worthy of much praise. They are giving largely to the education of young preachers. A large fund in general has been raised.

LOUISIANA NOTES.

Calcasieu Association fall into line. Brother W. R. Hargrove writes: "The Calcasieu Association held one of the most harmonious meetings it has ever had. We are in harmony with the Executive Board of the State. We had good preaching by Elders John and Isaac Hamilton, M. E. Shaddock and Brethren L. M. Nickols and Ben Dyson, the last two named are licentiate, and promise to be very useful, devoted workers. I will send you a copy of minutes when they are printed. Some of us are very anxious to employ Brother Shaddock as missionary in our Association, as it will take a strong man to accomplish much. We shall have to get assistance from the State Board—our people are poor. Brother G. W. Hartfield thinks Brother Shaddock is the man. Our Association is going back rather than forward, and I think it would be better for our State Board to cultivate what is now in the field than to be continually cleaning new ground, and then giving it up to bushes and briars. No one can appreciate the condition of things here without personal observation. Elder John Hamilton did some missionary work for us last year."

Brother Hargrove writes like a business man. He takes a common-sense, practical view of things. We are glad that so many such men are coming to the front just now, endorsing the plan of the Convention, co-operating with Executive Board and lending their valuable counsel in the administration of the work of our Convention. What we want among the Baptists of Louisiana is unity and co-operation. If we all work together we can accomplish what stands for the Master. Let us stand together, brethren.

Brother Hargrove says they want help. Our Executive Board wants to help the Calcasieu brethren, and we think we can do so. Brother H. wants a strong man. That is right. He and others believe Brother Shaddock is that man. We would be glad to hear from Brother Shaddock. We wrote to him a month or more ago and so did our secretary, but neither of us have heard from him. Let us hear from you, Brother Shaddock. "Our Association is going back rather than forward." So it will do unless it engages heartily in missionary work. If it is such a sensible, strong man as Brother Hargrove and Shaddock, with their progressive spirit, will take hold of the work and give their personal attention to it, the work will go forward.

What is that you said Brother Hargrove about "cleaning new ground"? Yes, well, you know the prosperous farmer is not satisfied without taking in a little new ground every year. He tries to cultivate the old too, but sometimes he finds that some part of the old is so far gone to rot that it is useless to cultivate it. It is like what we need to call black jack land in old Virginia, it has no bottom clay, and fertilizes you put upon it seem to sink right through and do not reappear in the crops to encourage the planter. He gets tired of wasting his substance in the fruitless endeavor and abandons it, and takes in some new land, with the hope of getting a better sub-soil. But we have known some planters to neglect the good old soil in their haste after the present and speedy results. This is wrong. Let us do both. Cultivate all the old land worth cultivating and such as can be reclaimed and redeemed, and clear up a little new ground every year, especially as we have so much of the virgin soil that promises good return for labor spent upon it. What say you, Brother Hargrove?

Brother J. M. Brooks writes us a fine letter, telling about the late meeting of the Ouachita Association. He says: "The Association held its forty-second session with Little Star church, Caldwell parish, La. on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Crows. We organized by electing Rev. W. A. J. Odon moderator, Brother John Dousher clerk and F. M. Mills treasurer. The churches were tolerably well represented, but from the reports in the letters it would seem we are advancing very slowly. The twenty-three churches represented reported only thirty-seven baptisms. We attribute our slow progress to the want of a more systematic organization. We feel however, that much was done at our last meeting to adjust all troubles. Brother Tomkins, the Corresponding Secretary, was with us. He soon convinced the body that he was made of the proper mettle, and rendered us able help. He laid before the Association the plans of the Executive Board of the State, which were unanimously endorsed by a rising vote. Brother Tomkins made a favorable impression on our people. The brotherhood in general was very friendly to the work."

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purpose the Lord raised him up. The Association, by a rising vote, agreed to work to raise twenty-five cents per member for missions, and turned over our missions, together with all funds collected for both State and Association to the State Board, re-appointing our Association Board as advising council. We have a large territory in our bounds entirely destitute of the Gospel as we preach it and love it, but we hope to have a part of this vast destitution filled this year by carrying out the present plan. There is no doubt that our people are animated by the right spirit, but the want of system has been our trouble heretofore. If we are to judge by the expressions of the brethren we may look for better days in the Ouachita Association. One brother minister remarked to me as we were homeward bound, that he was going, by the grace of God, to lead his people into the spirit of missions by giving more himself, to which we responded, "The Lord help you in your work."

Thank you, Brother Brooks. Do so again; we shall always be glad to hear from you. Try to raise fifty cents per member. We promise it shall all be used to supply the destitution in your own bounds. Do better than you promised. Ministers ought to lead and provoke their people to all good works. He that soweth sparingly will reap sparingly.

Here comes a letter from the Bayou Macon Association. We are glad to renew our acquaintance with the writer, Brother H. C. Pugh. He writes: "Brother T. H. Humble gave you an account of the destitution in this part of the river—the west side. Brother Reese also gave you a few items from our Association as to its destitution and its need—to all of which I can say, Amen! I still tell you, as best I can, why a field of much importance is so destitute. First, the territory of the Bayou Macon Association lies between the Mississippi and the Ouachita rivers, and from Arkansas to about the mouth of Bayou Macon, so the territory is about 70 miles wide by 80 miles long. In this space there are a number of streams which it is impossible to cross during a part of the winter and spring, so there is but little traveling east and west. There is one railroad from Vicksburg to Monroe, fifteen miles before leaving the Ouachita river, and going east from this point six miles is the Lafourche; three miles farther is the Bayou river; a few miles farther and we come to Little Creek, then Big Creek, Turkey Creek, Bayou Macon and Ten-as-River. Between these streams are ridges of tillable land on which you can travel north or south any season of the year, and on each of them we need one or more preachers. Cuba is the only Baptist church on the east of the Ouachita river below Monroe, that I know of. Between Lafourche and Bayou Macon there is only one, New Prospect, while there is room at three points for preaching. Between Bayou and Little Creek we have three churches, Rayville, Alto and a new church, the name of which I do not know. Another reason why this destitution prevails here, is that the most of our ministers, having been raised among the hills, are afraid of the swamps, and it has been very hard for the old churches to get pastors, so that they have had but little preaching except from students during vacation. They are isolated. With few exceptions they take no denominational papers, and think, I suppose, that there are but few preachers in the country, and have failed to try of late to secure pastors. These churches need working up and need assistance in getting pastors. Many of them are able to pay good salaries. The missionaries that have been put in our Association in the past were commissioned for only a short time. It is grand work, and men whose hearts are full of the love of God and burdened with souls are much needed. We had a good time at our church last Sunday. Our pastor, Elder T. J. Humble, preached two good sermons and baptized one lady. I am hopeful for a brighter day for Cuba church. Our church is all on State work, and will raise at least one dollar per member. Brother Tomkins stopped on his way to the Ouachita Association, and endeared himself to us. May the Lord bless you in your work."

The above letter gives us valuable information. We took down our map of the State and ascertained the territory described, and we understand the topography of the Bayou Macon Association better than any other Association in the State. Will not other brethren give us similar information with regard to their Associations? It would seem necessary for us to know every foot of the soil of Louisiana, but having a large area to cover, we must be content with the best we can get.

times a week, it is impossible for us to travel around and view the land, but if the brethren would write us such descriptive letters as the above we would soon be in possession of all the needs of the great field.

A letter just received from Brother Tomkins bears the sad intelligence of the death of his youngest child, little Edgar Thornton, aged nine months and one week. Brother and Sister Tomkins will have the deep sympathy of very many friends all over the State. It is hard to give up our little ones, but we know they are safe in the arms of Jesus. It was R. Robinson, of Cambridge, I think, who wrote the following comforting epiphany over the graves of his children: "But I believe, that pale as I die; though this is our infants' ashes lie, say, are they lost or saved? If death's by sin, they stand; for they are here; if heaven's by works, in heaven they can't be seen; ah, how depraved! Reverse the Bible's sacred page; the knave's united; They die for Adam's sin; they live for Jesus' sake."

These springs are a wonder. The main one sends out a large volume of water, and we were told that it had been sounded three hundred feet without finding bottom. The upward gush of the water is so strong that a person can't sink in it. With proper management, it seems to us that here might be a fine summer watering place. And what a place for a school!

We left this, the first meeting of the Carey Association, feeling satisfied. I must add that the local work was not neglected.

A MUDDLE

Up rises another church, as hoary with the frost of ages, and declares its own sentiment of infallibility upon the most important feature in the whole circle of Bible doctrine. With them everything partakes of value, as it approaches the paramount doctrine of baptism—baptism, as they thoroughly understand and teach that doctrine. At this point all other churches are fallible but themselves. At this doctrine of immersion or dip, they demand more and more, and at any other doctrine found in the entire word of God. Although members of their churches are counted by millions, and themselves not more than four millions the world over, yet this comparative handful claims that only they are right, infallibly right, and the hundreds of millions of other churches totally wrong. Here they hold simply by the grip of grit—Rev. Angus Dowling, Azark, Ala., in N. O. Christian Advocate.

We know not whether most to pity or to blame such writers. We take it, that religious teachers ought to be, at least, ordinarily candid and sensible. This writer, as he intends to represent immersionists, is nothing that he ought to be.

Notice, first, baptism is not the "most important feature in the whole circle of Bible doctrine." Who said it? Not Baptists, not Campbellites even. Certainly it is not the teaching of Scripture. Only Rome and her off-pring say so, and when they say it, they do it on their own authority, and not on God's. "With them everything partakes of value as it approaches the paramount doctrine of baptism." A more perfect reversion of the truth, as to Baptist faith, we have nowhere seen. With Baptists baptism is only valid—in only a lowly, as it sets forth the great antecedent fact of regeneration, death to sin and life to God. With out this, baptism is a formal lie and a sacrilegious falsehood. Does Mr. D. want to know this? If he does, he needs to revise his statement, and openly apologize for his misstatement. If he did not know it, he needs to acquaint himself with the views of those whom he misrepresents. "At this doctrine of immersion or dip, they demand more and more, and at any other doctrine found in the word of God." Marvellous statement! We neither demand more nor less. It would be silly to do either. The doctrine of regeneration with faith in the Christ crucified and a true repentance, is held by Baptists to be an antecedent condition of baptism and baptism, the expression of these truths. We judge that we have no liberty to magnify or minimize either. It is ours to find out what God has taught and hold and practice accordingly. It is outside our province to put one doctrine above another—and everyone resting on the sanctification—the word of God. No thoroughbred Baptist talks of non-essentials. Who are we that we should set aside the teaching of God on any point? The doing of every command is essential to obedience to Him whose right it is to command. And moreover, in keeping his commands there is great reward.

The argument of numbers, no doubt, has great weight with a certain class of minds; but with one who understands that religion, is essentially a personal matter: that the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice; that men are always more apt to be wrong than right; that hatemongers outnumber Christians; that Romanists are more numerous than Protestants; that minorities are constantly varying, but that the word of the Lord endureth forever—the man who knows these things sets nothing by any such plea. To be right and obey God is the individual and supreme concern of every man and to plead weight of numbers is neither pious nor sensible. In Paul on an occasion described by himself in the slave but tender words: "At my first answer no man stood with me." He added, "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me." If people have often been compelled to stand against odds, but in the defense of the truth the Lord has not failed them. So we hold on by the grip of grace, and steadfastly refuse to make majorities a test of orthodoxy, or to submit our religious principles to the popular vote. If this be folly, let it be so. Such are our views.

These wise words from the Standard are worthy of being republished in all our religious papers. They have an important lesson for preachers and laymen: A large number of our churches are looking for pastors. Let them pause a moment to consider. What have they come out to look for? For a great man or a good man? For a man who will draw outsiders in, or outsiders out, and about their Master's errands? For one who will please, or one who will profit? For a pastor who will do all the work, or a shepherd who will guide his people into paths of usefulness where shall he be a part? On the other hand there are not a few ministers looking for places of settlement. What have they come out to see? Are they spring out of a sudden or a long time?

The body was well entertained. Brother Seal took us out to his home one night, where we enjoyed his beautiful hospitality. Another night we sheltered beneath the roof of Brother Bufkin, whose kindness, with that of his good wife and little girls will remain in our hearts. Brother Whitehead, the proprietor of the famous Wildwood Springs, kept us a night and showed us much kindness.

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ing already with milk and honey, or one which by divine grace may be made to do so? Are they seeking a plain, easy field, or one with valleys to be exalted and hills to be brought low? Are they seeking to minister or to be ministered unto? Let the seeking on both sides be but in the spirit of Christ, and it will not be in vain.

MISSION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTES.—A CONTRIBUTION FROM EVERY MEMBER OF EVERY CHURCH TO EVERY OBJECT FOSTERED BY THE CONVENTION.

DIRECTIONS.

Send all contributions for State, Foreign and Home Missions, Mississippi College, Ministerial Education, and Support of Aged Ministers, to B. W. GRIFFITH, Jackson, Miss., who will return receipts. The Capital State Bank has kindly consented to disburse funds to all leading points free of charge.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO J. R. GAMBRELL, Clinton, Miss.

QUARTERLY COLLECTIONS.

Time is passing and we should at once begin with quarterly collections. Some of the churches will collect for all objects at once; but there is no doubt that quarterly collections are better than the one annual collection, where it is practical to have them. And generally it is practical. The churches need an object for which to labor before they can consistently. The Apostle Paul urged that the Corinthians should be "ever abiding in the word of the Lord and adding to it." For as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

We urge that at once the churches begin by taking a collection for some one of the objects fostered by the Convention: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, and Ministerial Education, or Home Missions. Make no tarrying, brethren. Let us not leave the work to be done at the close of the Convention year.

INTEREST ON COLLEGE NOTES.

The brethren will bear in mind that they should pay their annual interest on their notes to the College to President W. S. Webb, Treasurer of the College, who will enter credit and return receipts. Do not forget nor neglect this.

TUR CALL TO PRAYER.

Published last week, was made in solemn earnestness, and because there is a deep need of labor and liberality. It is hoped that the call will be generally heeded. There is nothing more important than prayer in this crisis.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Brandon Sunday-school has set a fair example before her sister schools in the State. She will make monthly contributions to the Convention Board. The Carrollton school last year made a noble record. Every school in the State should at least make quarterly collections for missions and Christian education. This will train the children correctly. Shall it be so?

THIS DEPARTMENT.

If the brethren will read this department every week, they will save our writing many letters. We write these notes to be read, and hoping that they will do good. Read, and, if the suggestions are good, follow them.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Central Committee, at Oxford, with Sister J. T. Johnson, President, and Sister Mary J. Quince, Secretary and Treasurer, are very desirous of aiding the good work among the sisters. Theirs is a labor of love. They give their time freely, and only ask to be allowed to be helpers of the truth with their sisters throughout the Convention territory. It is a notable fact that wherever the work among the women has been well organized, there has been a great advance in the benevolence of the churches. But few people, perhaps none, realize the wonderful power for good that missionary efforts have developed. Our

Northern sisters are paying tens of thousands annually, and our Southern sisters are rapidly catching the fire. Little South Carolina is leading all the states South, according to numbers, and it is very largely due to her numerous women's missionary societies. We have near one hundred societies in Mississippi, and steps are taking to organize many more.

The Central Committee wish to correspond with some sister in each Association who will help to organize societies. Sisters Green and Ailes are working in the Strong River, Sisters Ba k and King, in the Columbus, sisters Mills, Mary Sallis and others in the Kosciusko. Sisters Rogers and Fugler will work up an interest in the new Association recently organized. Good workers are wanted in every Association. Write to Sister Johnson or Quince.

REPORTS.

Many of the societies do not report to the Central Committee. This is discouraging to the sisters. There is inspiration in success. Last year over \$2,000 was reported, and this was a fine report, but it might have been much better, if only all the societies had reported. Do not fail to send in your reports in due time.

SENDING MONEY.

It will often be found convenient when sending a report of the quarter's work to Mrs. M. J. Quince, Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Committee, to send the money along with the report. If so, Sister Quince will send a receipt, and forward the money just exactly as you request, and the amount can be counted in your church collection.

In short, these beloved sisters at Oxford are ready and anxious to help in any way they can, and they are working right along with our General Boards. We beg, in their behalf, that the brethren everywhere help these women who labor with us in the Gospel. If all the brethren knew them as we do, they would not fail to give them their fullest confidence and co-operation.

The Baltimore Baptist expresses an opinion on self-support in our Foreign Mission work in plain, strong terms, which are worth considering. It says:

Of course it is of the last importance that the converts on the Foreign field need to be taught not only the lesson of self-reliance, but of Christian aggressiveness. But the notion of introducing self-support as a new era, upon the basis of a half-truth at best, and is likely to lead to mischief. It is put forth in some quarters as something wonderful—a new discovery which must work a revolution in our missionary movement. Let the brethren not be deceived. It is a delusion. The fact is that our missionaries and our Board have believed in the principle of self-support all the time, and have been working forward to it with all earnestness. They are too wise however to knock all of our missionary machinery to pieces, and found a policy on a false notion of self-support.

Read the advertisement of Mt. Lebanon College. This worthy institution is getting itself near the hearts of Louisiana Baptists, and Mississippi Baptists will rejoice in its success. We know the people over there.

Communications.

From Louisiana.

Our Brother G. M. Harrell has accepted a position in the Mt. Lebanon College, and will leave his four churches, Samuels Grove, Hazlewood, Antioch and Natli, to his successors. Brother Harrell will be greatly missed, and by none more than myself. No two men in Louisiana understand each other better than he and I do, and it will be a privation to be separated. We are too wise however to knock all of our missionary machinery to pieces, and found a policy on a false notion of self-support.

There is no telling where they will stop.

G. W. HART-FIELD.

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The church at Mt. Zion, Itawamba county, recently called together the following missionary viz: Elders S. C. Lawrence, F. M. Benson, and W. A. Reynolds, to ordain to the sacred office of deacons, the following: After hearing the relation of Brother Turnage's call to the ministry, given by himself, Bro. Lawrence proceeded on the part of the presbytery to question the candidate fully and faithfully on doctrine. The answers being satisfactory, prayer was offered—led by Bro. Reynolds; after which, Brother Benson gave the charge to the church and candidate. Brother Turnage is about thirty years of age, and a man of good education, and excellent promise. Since his ordination, he has been called to the care of three, several churches within the bounds of the Tombigbee Association. "May the Lord bless him," be this the prayer of the entire brotherhood.

The Central Committee wish to correspond with some sister in each Association who will help to organize societies. Sisters Green and Ailes are working in the Strong River, Sisters Ba k and King, in the Columbus, sisters Mills, Mary Sallis and others in the Kosciusko. Sisters Rogers and Fugler will work up an interest in the new Association recently organized. Good workers are wanted in every Association. Write to Sister Johnson or Quince.

Many of the societies do not report to the Central Committee. This is discouraging to the sisters. There is inspiration in success. Last year over \$2,000 was reported, and this was a fine report, but it might have been much better, if only all the societies had reported. Do not fail to send in your reports in due time.

SENDING MONEY.

It will often be found convenient when sending a report of the quarter's work to Mrs. M. J. Quince, Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Committee, to send the money along with the report. If so, Sister Quince will send a receipt, and forward the money just exactly as you request, and the amount can be counted in your church collection.

In short, these beloved sisters at Oxford are ready and anxious to help in any way they can, and they are working right along with our General Boards. We beg, in their behalf, that the brethren everywhere help these women who labor with us in the Gospel. If all the brethren knew them as we do, they would not fail to give them their fullest confidence and co-operation.

The Baltimore Baptist expresses an opinion on self-support in our Foreign Mission work in plain, strong terms, which are worth considering. It says:

Of course it is of the last importance that the converts on the Foreign field need to be taught not only the lesson of self-reliance, but of Christian aggressiveness. But the notion of introducing self-support as a new era, upon the basis of a half-truth at best, and is likely to lead to mischief. It is put forth in some quarters as something wonderful—a new discovery which must work a revolution in our missionary movement. Let the brethren not be deceived. It is a delusion. The fact is that our missionaries and our Board have believed in the principle of self-support all the time, and have been working forward to it with all earnestness. They are too wise however to knock all of our missionary machinery to pieces, and found a policy on a false notion of self-support.

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